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SUBJECT: VESCO TELEGRAM TO CHARGE

REF: (A) SAN JOSE 4565

(B) SAN JOSE 4547

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF TELEGRAM ADDRESSED TO THE CHARGE FROM
ROBERT VESCO WHICH ARRIVED AT EMBASSY AFTERNOON OF DECEMBER 4.

A. " ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3RD. 1974, APPEARED A
STATEMENT BY AN UNIDENTIFIED SPOKESMAN OF THE
U.S. EMBASSY IN COSTA RICA STATING ""IT IS
FALSE WHAT WAS SAID BY VESCO"" REFERRING TO
CERTAIN ASPECTS OF A PREVIOUS INTERVIEW
PUBLISHED BY LA PRENSA LIBRE ON NOVEMBER 29, 1974.

B. "THIS STATEMENT MADE BY YOUR SPOKESMAN IS
CONSISTENT WITH THE EMBASSY'S LACK OF ACCEPTANCE
OF COSTA RICA JUDICIAL PROCESS AND I REQUEST
THAT YOU REITERATE OR RETRACT IN MY PRESENCE
THIS STATEMENT BEFORE THE COSTA RICAN PEOPLE
ON THE NATIONAL RADIO AND TV NETWORK SO THAT
YOU MAY HEAR FACE TO FACE MY PUBLIC RESPONSE
TO SUCH A LIE AND AFFORD YOU THE OPPORTUNITY,
THAT I AN NEVER AFFORDED, TO OPENLY REPUDIATE
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PUBLICLY MY STATEMENTS, IF YOU CAN, RATHER THAN

EMPLOYING YOUR WELL FINANCED PROPAGANDA MACHINE.

C. "THIS TELEGRAM IS BEING SENT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS. HOWEVER, PRECAUTIONS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO HAND-DELIVER A COPY TO YOUR OFFICE, TO ASSURE SUFFICIENT TIME TO ALLOW YOUR APPEARANCE WITH ME THIS EVENING. MY SECRETARY WILL CALL YOU OR YOUR SECRETARY TO MAKE THE NECESSARY ARRANGEMENTS."

CHARGE WILL NOT RESPOND TO THIS TELEGRAM, BUT VESCO'S REPETITION OF THE CHARGES ON TELEVISION MAY WELL REQUIRE A REPLY TOMORROW. DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO RESPOND TO REFTEL (B) REGARDING CURRENCY OF GRAND JURY INDICTMENTS MENTIONED REFTEL (B).

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